(b) whether representations have been made by the employees of the plant not to shift the plant; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to reconsider the proposal of shifting the plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) (a) to (c) The existing plant at Trombay is 35 years old and beyond economic repair and service. The infrastructure facilities required are available at OSCOM which will make the new plant more economical. It is the policy of the Atomic Energy Commission that plants and laboratories which are not directly related to R&D programmes of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) should be shifted out of the premises of BARC. The employees of the IRE Thorium Nitrate Plant have been agitated as to their future and made representations in this regard. When the existing plant at Trombay • is eventually closed down, employees will be given an option to shift to the new site or will be provided alternative employment in other units under Department of Atomic Energy located in Bombay. Due compensation will be paid to those who would like to take retirement.

Research Centres in the Country

1576. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) the total number of national laboratories and research centres in the country, State-wise till date;

(b) the total number of security workers in these laboratories and research centres, category-wise till date;

(c) the number of scientists who have not yet been promoted despite their service of over ten years;

(d) the reasons for which they have not been promoted; and

(e) the action Government propose to take to provide relief to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONIC AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Sardar Sarover Project

1577. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA; Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the clearance has been given to the Sardar Sarovar Project on the Narmada in Gujarat;

(b) if so, whether the State Government has fulfilled the condition regarding the environmental angle and diversion of forest lands; and

(c) if not, the reasons for giving the clearance even before the conditions were fulfilled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) The conditions are to be fulfilled in a phased manner along with the construction of project.

Functioning of the National Laboratories

1578. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware that the scientific community in India is unhappy with the infrastructure, procedures and environment in